



PRESS RELEASE

ETCOG to Award Regional Citizens for Contributions to East Texas

Five East Texans to be Honored at Board of Directors Meeting Next Week

Tyler, TX, March 8, 2017: ETCOG will honor regional citizens who exemplify excellence in performance, innovation, and contributions to the community at its 94th Semi-Annual Board of Director's Meeting on Thursday, March 16th, at the Green Acres Baptist Church Galilee Room in Tyler, TX, from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm. Award criteria and recipient information is as follows:

REGIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – JAMAL MOHARER, TYLER, TEXAS

This award is designed to honor a citizen of East Texas who has contributed to the well-being of the East Texas Region.

REGIONAL CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – CHRISTUS TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES

The Regional Corporate Citizen of the Year award honors a corporate partner in East Texas that has contributed to the well-being of the East Texas Region.

REGIONAL STATESMANSHIP AWARD – JUDGE ROBERT JOHNSTON, ANDERSON COUNTY

The Regional Statesmanship Award recognizes a local, state, or federal official that has demonstrated valuable dedicated service to regional cooperation.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE AWARD – MARK TAYLOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a sustained, dedicated commitment to ETCOG efforts and activities.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – STEPHANIE HEFFNER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The ETCOG Employee of the Year is nominated and voted on by ETCOG Staff and the top three candidates are presented to the ETCOG Selection Committee for consideration.

Details of award recipient contributions and photos will be sent following the meeting. For more information, contact ETCOG's Executive Director, David Cleveland, at (903) 218-6423.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.